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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC investors invited to an exclusive event with local legislators

Grow Wabash County (GWC) would like to extend an invitation to all of its current investors to attend an exclusive Legislative Wrap-Up event with local legislators and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This event is free and exclusively reserved for Grow Wabash County investors. Registration for this event can be found by visiting members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/ or by emailing at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. The guest speakers for this event will be Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Konyha. If any investor has questions for the guests, they will be encouraged to ask them during the event, or they can be sent ahead of time by email.

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Illinois police officer still recovering after shooting

Tyler J. Bailey now continuing to heal at a rehabilitation facility

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An injured Illinois police officer is continuing his recovery after fighting for his life for weeks following a shooting that left another officer dead. A suspect in the case was recently arrested at a residence in North Manchester.

The family of Bradley Police Department officer Tyler J. Bailey, 27, said had been released from the hospital and is now continuing to heal at a rehabilitation facility.

"There are countless reasons we thank God every day, not only because Tyler is still with us, but also for the advances he has made over this time, which are nothing short of miraculous," stated Bailey's family on Monday, March 28. "Although we have thanked

Tyler's "other" family of police officers, first responders, and medical personnel in our previous two releases, no update can be written without again thanking all of them for the job they did and continue to do. Tyler wouldn't have made it here if not for all of these selfless human beings. They do more than just a job. They keep us safe from danger. They come to our rescue when we are injured.

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Provided photo
Tyler J. Bailey, right, has been cared for by his wife, Sydney, left "every single day since the incident, without intrusion," according to his family.

Kenny Rogers returns with Alan Turner twist

Tribute show set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Eagles Theatre

By **BERNADETTE MAGNER**

Five years before Kenny Rogers died, country singer Alan Turner saw his old friend and idol for one of the last times.

It happened in November 2015, when Rogers was performing his "Christmas and the Hits" show at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

At about the same time, the Detroit-based country singer Turner was doing his tour. Turner said he had been trying to catch a live Kenny Rogers show the entire year, but their schedules kept conflicting.

Turner said the only show that he could make it to was the one at the Honeywell Center, so he decided to take his wife down to Wabash to see the concert – and "The Gambler."

After Rogers died in 2020, Turner said he realized that he could help keep Rogers' spirit alive with a tribute concert. That's when he created the "Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute" show, which will be playing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Eagles Theatre. Most seats are \$25 or \$35, with limited premium seating available for \$50. Tickets are available by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102.

Turner said he knew that he wanted to be a musician ever since he was a boy. His father was a singer, and his mother taught him how to play the piano. But then his father became terminally ill with cancer.

"The last gift I got from my father on my 10th birthday was the 'Gambler' album by



Provided photo

The "Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute" show will be playing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Eagles Theatre.

Kenny Rogers," Turner said.

Turner said he instantly became a fan and fell in love with country music.

Turner said the first time his idol, he was blown away. Turner had opened for Rogers in Las Vegas.

Turner said the country superstar was kind to him, and

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Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season next month

Vendors with handmade, homemade, homegrown products now being sought

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The warmer weather can only mean that the Downtown Wabash Farmers Mar-

ket will soon begin for the season once again.

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market's 15th season, said public relations and mar-

keting manager Morgan Ellis. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon May 14 through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St.

"Market vendors at the Downtown Wabash Farmers Market often include small businesses and local farms,

bakers and artisans. In addition, food vendors, live music and kid-friendly offerings will be available at this season's market," said Ellis.

Ellis said vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season and full-season

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Census: Wabash Co. had more deaths than births in 2020 and 2021

Over two-thirds of counties in the country also had a 'natural decrease' in population

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Over two-thirds of counties in the country, including Wabash County, had a "natural decrease" in population in 2021, according to recently released federal estimates.

More than 73 percent, or 2,297, of U.S. counties experienced a natural decrease in 2021, up from 45.5 percent in 2019 and 55.5 percent in 2020, according to the U.S. Census

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National Day of Prayer observances planned

Two local events set for Thursday, May 5 in Wabash

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year's celebration of the annual National Day of Prayer (NDOP) is just a few weeks away.

The local events are set for Thursday, May 5. The noon prayer will last from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on the lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse. The evening prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the large pavilion at Wabash City Park, 800 W. Hill St.

"Bring your own lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather," said co-organizer Angie Penix.

The guest speaker for both events will be Indiana Statehouse chaplain Matt Barnes.

"Come and pray for our

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Ejenobo “Jena” Oke is showing her unique “Mud & Cloth” exhibit at the Clark Gallery in Honeywell Center. The exhibit will run through Sunday, April 24.

Manchester University professor brings ‘Mud & Cloth’ to Honeywell Center

Ejenobo “Jena” Oke Exhibit at Clark Gallery through Sunday, April 24

STAFF REPORT

Ejenobo “Jena” Oke is showing her unique “Mud & Cloth” exhibit at the Clark Gallery in Honeywell Center. The exhibit will run through Sunday, April 24, according to public relations specialist Michele DeVin-

ney. The exhibit is sponsored by Manchester University President Dr. Dave McFadden. Ejenobo “Jena” Oke is best known as a fiber artist and is an associate professor of art at Manchester University. Her works range from loom-controlled weavings to batik quilts to sculptures that incorporate ceramics, paper, felt and basketry materials. A Nigerian-American, she moved with her family to the

United States in 1987. Oke received her B.A. in art from Manchester (College) University in 1997 and her M.F.A. in visual studies from Norfolk State University in 2001. She returned to Manchester in 2006, and currently teaches courses in studio art and art history. Oke also served as the Director of Galleries at Manchester University for over 10 years.

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even wanted to know more about his music career. “He patted me on the back and said I was one of the first bands that ever did ‘Sweet Home Alabama’ opening for him,” Turner said, laughing. “I came away from that thinking, ‘My hero.’ So often heroes don’t turn out to be as great as you think they are, but this guy was just super cool.” Turner said Rogers’ kindness became a major influence on his life. “When we signed our first production deal in Nashville, he lent me his attorney, free of charge, to look over the

contract and make sure we weren’t being taken advantage of,” said Turner. Turner said he was inspired by Rogers’ kindness to find ways to help up-and-coming artists himself. Turner said he’ll let them open for his shows and give them advice on how to make the most of their career. Turner said it’s important for aspiring musicians to have what he called “endurance stability” – the strength to keep going when a million things make them want to quit. Turner said he compared that strength to endurance training for physical fitness. Turner said it would be difficult at first, but the harder someone works, the more satisfying it

would be in the end. Before launching the tribute show, Turner said he had already started to mix some Kenny Rogers into his “Alan Turner and the Steele Horse Band” show. “The talking, the storytelling, kind of became part of my show,” Turner said. Turner said “The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute” has been met with nothing but success, as one venue said it was the most authentic Kenny Rogers tribute they had ever seen. “I think I give to the audience somebody who actually had a relationship with the guy,” Turner said. “I’m not a Kenny Rogers look-alike, but I try to resemble him enough

onstage that it’s bringing back all those memories from when he was at the top of his game and telling all of his stories.” Turner said he wanted people to feel like they are at a Kenny Rogers concert – and bring back the memories people had when they saw him perform live. Some tribute shows focus on the music while others try to imitate the artist, but Turner said his tribute show is different. Turner said at some point in the show, he would stop and introduces himself as Alan Turner, and tell the audience a story about his friendship with Rogers. *Bernadette Magner is a student at Anderson University.*

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday T-storms Likely 70 / 42	 Thursday Showers Likely 59 / 41	 Friday Partly Cloudy 63 / 43	 Saturday Partly Cloudy 55 / 36	 Sunday Few Showers 54 / 40
Sun and Moon Today's sunset 8:19 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:07 a.m.  Full 4/16  Last 4/23  New 4/30  First 5/8			Detailed Local Outlook Today we will see cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 85%. South wind 16 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 42°. Southwest wind 14 to 24 mph.	

PRAYER

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country to turn to God,” said co-organizer Dave Snowdon. Penix said the theme for this year’s observances will be, “Exalt the Lord who has established us,” which is based on Colossians 2:6-7. “Oh, for the Wabash community to be like the believers in the early church who heard the testimony of the works of God then, ‘All the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God,’” said Penix, citing Acts 4:24 “We hope you will make plans to take part in one, or both, of this year’s NDOP community prayer gatherings.” At last year’s local NDOP services, dozens of members

of the local faith community gathered on the lawn in front of the Wabash Courthouse. The event was one of several local gatherings planned to commemorate the day. At the same time, in the northern part of the county, a service was held at the North Manchester Police and Fire Department building on the front lawn, and another was held that evening at the Wabash City Park Pavilion. Attendees were encouraged to pray both silently and out loud, and together and alone. A myriad of subjects of prayer was presented including families, the church, businesses, teachers, students and arts, media and entertainment. One group which was given particular attention during the NDOP was

those serving in the military. Barnes also served as the guest speaker at last year’s celebration, and prayed for members of the state, local and federal government. One of the organizers of last year’s North Manchester event, Victory Christian Fellowship Pastor Tim Morbitzer, said the NDOP is held annually on the first Thursday of May, “inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation” after being created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. For more information, visit www.praywabash.org. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.*

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Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market's 15th season.


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schedules. Drop-in registration is \$15 per weekend. Half-season registration is \$115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept.

24. Full-season registration is \$200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. Ellis said last year’s market closed “another successful season” with one last market on Sept. 25, 2021. Ellis said the Downtown Wabash Farmers Market welcomed more than 35 different

vendors throughout the 2021 season. To register for this year’s market, visit DowntownWabash.org/vendor, email carly@downtownwabash.org or call 260-563-0975. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.*



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Obituaries

Manchester University Giving Day 2022 is set for Wednesday, April 20

The theme is
'Manchester Bold:
The Future is Ours'

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University Giving Day 2022 is Wednesday, April 20. Gifts go to The Manchester Fund, which helps provide scholarships for students who might not otherwise be able to afford a Manchester education. It also covers many day-to-day expenses – from lab equipment to base-

balls to utility bills. The theme is “Manchester Bold: The Future is Ours.” To donate, and find other Giving Day information, visit <https://givingday.manchester.edu/>. Gifts also may be made by phone by calling 260-982-5997. Donations may also be sent to Manchester University, c/o Giving Day, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962. Manchester University is a 501(c)3 organization and gifts may be deductible as allowed by state and federal law.

The Manchester Fund helps in a variety of ways: Its financial aid allows deserving students of need to have the funds to stay at Manchester and graduate. It provides funds for classroom technology upgrades that improve student learning and expand opportunities for students and faculty to perform side-by-side research. Because the University’s endowment is modest, the fund serves as a financial shock absorber when prices escalate, something needs to be repaired or something

else needs to be replaced. It provides funds for supplies and equipment so that University staff can keep buildings clean and safe and maintain the grounds. It helps pay for laboratory equipment and supplies, periodical subscriptions, online resources and library books for studying, writing and research. It helps support student activities such as May Day weekend and Homecoming. *Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

Frontline Pest Management to celebrate new home in downtown Wabash

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County will celebrate the new downtown location of one of our newest investors, Frontline Pest Management, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, according to project manager for mar-

keting and events Chelsea Boulrisse. “Frontline Pest Management is a family-owned business with locations in Wabash and Kokomo servicing most of northern Indiana that is committed to helping property owners combat and protect against various pests and rodents to ensure the health and safety of our communities,” said Boulrisse. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

Friday, April 29, at Frontline Pest Management’s new location, 67 S. Wabash St., Suite A. “We are your frontline defense against pests and rodents,” said Frontline Pest Management owner Shane Westernman. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. “Ensuring a high quality of living in Wabash County means ensuring all sorts of amenities and services are

available to our citizens,” said Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater. “Services like Frontline Pest Management are important for putting our local homeowners and businesses at ease when it comes to dealing with pests that may find their way onto properties. We are excited to have Frontline as a Grow Wabash County investor and as a part of the larger Wabash County business community.”

Our suffering world

For the relative few paying attention, it seems impossible to keep up with the violence against Christians happening in Nigeria. A priest is killed; people are kidnapped; it’s a place of unrelenting terror. I’m glad we care to light buildings in the colors of the Ukrainian flag here in the United States, but Ukrainians are far from the only people suffering in the world today. At St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, Cardinal Timothy Dolan recently talked about the death of Christ and the Christian’s need to die to the world in order to follow Christ. If you’re a Nigerian Christian attacked because of your faith, dying to the world can be literal, not just a metaphor. Also in New York, Cardinal Dolan was present for the premiere of a documentary on Pope Francis’ recent visit to Iraq. The long-suf-

fering Christians in that country are mostly forgotten – Americans often are surprised to learn that there are any Christians in Iraq at all. In the wake of terrorist genocide, the population of Iraqi Christians has nearly been decimated, between the deaths and the fleeing. But the Catholic Chaldean Church there rose to the occasion, building a university and hospital providing some hope of a future for Christians in that country. The film was produced by Stephen Rasche, director of the Institute for Ancient and Threatened Christianity and author of “The Disappearing People: The Tragic Fate of Christians in the Middle East.” Rasche was one of the first people to go back into Iraqi churches that had been desecrated by the Islamic State terrorist group. The photos and videos he took on his phone ultimately became part of the documentary. There was a moment where the United States was paying some attention to the persecution of Christians in Iraq. But even during the Trump administration,

which talked so much about religious freedom, we could have been better to the Iraqi Christians whose future in Iraq remains uncertain. The “Francis in Iraq” documentary, which will tour universities and other venues in the coming months, is a reminder that there is suffering in the world that does not make the news every day. The Christians in Iraq were overjoyed that Pope Francis took the time to visit them. At the time, the media was critical of the pope’s visit, both because of security and COVID-19. But he went, and as testimony in the film makes clear, it gave Iraq Christians courage. It was the encouragement they needed. As for the Nigerians, the United States inexplicably recently removed its designation as a “country of particular concern.” Our government has explained some of the Fulani terrorist violence against Christians as somehow the result of a struggle for resources instead of an existential threat to a population. As Lela Gilbert, author of “Saturday

People, Sunday People: Israel through the Eyes of a Christian Sojourner,” recently wrote: “These explanations from diplomats ignore the anti-Christian nature of the violence, which is clearly indicated by the torching churches, kidnapping of ‘infidel’ pastors and priests, and cries of ‘Allahu Akbar’ that accompany massacres.” As we rally to pray and support the Ukrainians, try not to forget there is a lot of suffering to go around – people targeted because of their culture or religion. Remember them in prayer or other support. They show us how to live. Stripped of the distractions, the persecuted for their faith know what’s most important: interior freedom, even under the threat of extermination. *Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.*

Gilbert Gottfried, actor and comic’s comic, dies at 67

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gilbert Gottfried, the actor and legendary standup comic known for his raw, scorched voice and crude jokes, has died. He was 67. Gottfried died from a rare genetic muscle disease that can trigger a dangerously abnormal heartbeat, his publicist and longtime friend Glenn Schwartz said in a statement. “In addition to being the most iconic voice in comedy, Gilbert was a wonderful husband, brother, friend and father to his two young children. Although today is a sad day for all of us, please keep laughing as loud as possible in Gilbert’s honor,” his family said in a statement posted on Twitter. Gottfried was a fiercely independent and intentionally bizarre comedian’s comedian, as likely to clear a room

with anti-comedy as he was to kill it with his jokes. “The first comedian I saw who would go on and all the other comics would go in the room to watch,” standup comic Colin Quinn said on Twitter. He first came to national attention with frequent appearances on MTV in its early days and with a brief stint in the cast of “Saturday Night Live” in the 1980s. Gottfried also did frequent voice work for children’s television and movies, most famously playing the parrot Iago in Disney’s “Aladdin.” “Look at me, I’m so ticked off that I’m molting,” a scratchy-voiced Gottfried said early in the film as his character shed feathers. He was particularly fond of doing obscure and dated impressions for as long as he could milk them, including Groucho Marx, Bela Lugosi and Andrew “Dice” Clay.

Honeywell House to host Julie Dickey, owner of 4 Partners in Crime

Presentation set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

STAFF REPORT

Julie Dickey will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St., according to public relations specialist Michele DeVinney. Dickey, the owner of 4 Partners in Crime located in downtown Wabash, will share her passion for cooking and art, and how the two allow people to connect, create, and discover their inner artist. In her Honeywell House presentation, Dickey is planning to address her plans for 4 Partners in Crime as well as her journey to the Wabash area. “What keeps surfacing is the path I took to get to Wabash,” Dickey said.

“How I went from artist to mom, to worker bee with a huge dream of having a space like we are creating at 4 Partners in Crime, and hopefully back to artist again. Hopefully helping people understand that art appears in many forms and that we all have it in us.” 4 Partners in Crime promises to become a hub for artists in the community. With a lounge on the first floor, where craft cocktails and tapas will be available, while the second floor will host classes in various art mediums. “The vibe will be cozy but sophisticated,” she said. “Art of all mediums will be displayed throughout – local, state, national and international artists will be displayed. No crafting class. More immersive – sculpting, bookmaking, art journaling, mosaics,

reverse glass painting, water coloring, etc. The plan is for classes to be two to five days depending on the complexity. My goal is to create connectivity through

good company, food and art.” Admission is free, but reservations are required and may be made by visiting honeywellarts.org.

Bobby Lee Bice

Sept. 6, 1946 – April 10, 2022

Bobby Lee Bice, 75, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:45 pm, Sunday, April 10, 2022, at Parkview Dekalb Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. He was born on Sept. 6, 1946, in Newport, Arkansas, to Ralph Leroy and Evelyn (Painter) Bice.

Bobby worked at Container and Paperworks in Wabash, retiring in 2011, and owned and operated Hobby Auto Sales in Wabash, where his customers were his second family. Bobby was a longtime member of the Wabash First Church of God and also Treaty Church of Christ. He enjoyed going to car shows, traveling, cooking, and especially spending time with his grandson, family, and his Jack Russell Terrier “Billy”. He was a huge Arkansas Razorback fan. He is survived by two

sons, Arnold Bice of Lagro, Indiana, and Bobby (Erica) Bice II of Huntington, Indiana; six grandchildren, Kevin Bice, Sam Schuhler, Kaitlyn Schuhler, Carissa Schuhler, Alex Bice, and Carly Bice; and his brother, Donald Bice of Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Kevin Bice, one brother, and one sister. Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 pm Friday, at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Bobby may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Norma Marie Trump

Aug. 17, 1934 – April 9, 2022

Norma Marie Trump, 87, of rural North Manchester, Indiana, died at 2:55 pm, Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Miller’s Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on Aug. 17, 1934, in Tippecanoe, Indiana, to Herman and Marie Olive (Dawalt) Fanning.

Norma was a 1952 graduate of Argos High School in Argos, Indiana and attended Marion College. She married Ross E. Trump, at the Walnut Church of the Brethren in Argos, on Aug. 30, 1953. He died March 21, 2022. She was a longtime piano and voice teacher and was dedicated to evangelical music. She is survived by three sons, Duane (Cathy) Trump of Wabash, Gary (Stephanie) Trump of Lexington, Michigan, and Bruce (Lisa) Trump of Wabash; daughter-in-law, Kathy Trump of Wabash, 10 grandchildren,

19 great grandchildren, brother, David (Sandy) Fanning of Plainfield, Indiana, and sister, Loretta (Rick) Huff of Tucson, Arizona. She was also preceded in death by parents, son, Stephen David Trump, and her sister, Nancy Bachus. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, April 15, 2022, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Bill Bussard officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-7 pm Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Preferred memorials are Wabash Musicales or Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. The memorial guest book for Norma may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Vickie Louise Taylor

Vickie Louise Taylor, of North Manchester, passed away in her home on April 7, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Roger W. Taylor; one daughter, Christina Taylor; two sons, Mathew (Courtney) Nice Taylor and Adam (Laci) Taylor; seven grandchildren. Family and friends may call Wednesday, April 13,

2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. A graveside service will follow visitation on April 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Indiana. The family of Vickie Taylor has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

David Wayne Jivery

David Wayne Jivery, 73, of Somerset, Indiana passed away on April 6, 2022. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

John 15:12-14

Finally, a Black woman has a place on the Supreme Court bench

The confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson as a justice of the Supreme Court is a moment to exult in as a nation. Jackson is the first Black woman to be appointed to that bench, and only the third Black justice and sixth woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

The idea of a Black woman being confirmed as a Supreme Court justice in a Senate chamber presided over by another Black woman as vice president of the United States went from being just a dream of a much better day in a racially evolved nation to being a reality on Thursday. When the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the night before he was assassinated, told an audience he had been to the mountaintop and seen the promised land, could even he have foreseen this day?

In her confirmation hearing, Jackson, her voice breaking, told a story of walking through Harvard Yard, so unsure of herself as a freshman at Harvard University. She said the worry must have shown on her face, because a Black woman she didn't know said, "Persevere," as she passed. And she

did, becoming a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer – the retiring justice whose place she will take – and eventually rising to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and now the Supreme Court. And she counsels young people to follow that advice – as she and so many before her persisted in the face of public hostility and private doubts.

Her perseverance and brilliance were on display during her confirmation hearing, in which Republican senators grandstanded, asked her absurd questions, distorted her record on sentencing criminals as a trial judge and occasionally only patronized her.

She endured it all with grace and a mastery of the law that will no doubt hold her in good stead in debates with her fellow justices – six of whom are so conservative they have let stand a ridiculous Texas law that allows people to sue anyone who helps a woman get an otherwise legal abortion.

As groundbreaking as her confirmation is, the present-day era is not as racially, sexually and politically

evolved as it should be, and the process she endured shows it. How despicably partisan and unjustified it was for 47 Republicans – some lawyers themselves – to vote against the nomination of such an extraordinarily qualified candidate. Yet, given the politics of the moment, we were reduced to being heartened that all 50 members of the Democratic Caucus and three Republicans in the Senate did vote to confirm her. Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) released a statement saying he didn't expect to always agree with Jackson, but found her to be a "well-qualified jurist and a person of honor."

Jackson will also take her seat on a bench seemingly, unfathomably, poised to dismantle Roe vs. Wade, the ruling that has guaranteed women the right to a legal abortion, allowing them autonomy over their bodies, for nearly half a century.

That's a tough room. And we can't wait to see Jackson on her first day at work.

The editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



The U.S. job creation machine

Over the past 30 years, companies in the United States have added 40 million jobs. This is a remarkable achievement that enriches Americans and dramatically improves our standard of living. As we think about this growth, it is helpful to consider what type of jobs have been created, what types of workers are hired and what these facts tell us about the types of economic policies we pursue at the state and local level.

I'll begin by dividing all job types into two categories. The first are 'global' jobs. These are jobs that produce a good or service that is sold mostly outside the region in which it is produced. Think of manufactured goods such as automobiles or RVs, agricultural commodities, petroleum products, software or medicines. The "global" definition also includes services such as website design and development, back office financial services and, increasingly, medical diagnostics.

The other type of job is a "local" job. These jobs produce goods and services that are consumed locally. So, preparing a meal in a restaurant, mixing cement, teaching school or litigating a court case are done primarily for local consumers. So are physician and nursing services, lawn care and home construction, retail, childcare and grocery sales.

Of course, not all jobs fit neatly into these categories; maybe 2 percent of jobs could fit either definition, but that doesn't really change the overall point I'm trying to make. Also, by local I mean a product or service is sold in the same city or in the same and neighboring counties. This means I'm counting a GM assembly plant worker as having a "global" job even if she buys a GM car.

Over the past 30 years, the U.S. has lost between 2 million and 7 million "global" jobs. That means of the 40 million net new jobs in the U.S. since 1992, a total of between 42 million to 47 million are 'local' jobs. No U.S. state, and very few cities, have more 'global' jobs than they did in the spring of 1992.

Chasing these 'global' jobs has

been the primary economic development policy for many state and local governments for the last 50 years. Every tax incentive, every tax abatement, every business-friendly tax cut or regulatory change is couched in terms of attracting these businesses. So, on the face of it, these are hundreds of billions of tax dollars spent over the past 30 years chasing a declining number of jobs.

This pursuit is puzzling, but not as bewildering as the fact that most of the policies that focus on attracting business shift resources, mostly tax dollars, away from the very things that attract the 'local' jobs. These are good schools, clean and safe neighborhoods, parks, and the like.

To be fair, most successful state and local governments have shifted focus away from attracting "global" jobs to nurturing their "local" jobs. Sadly, many economically unsuccessful places are still chasing the rapidly disappearing "global" jobs. In fact, one way to measure the economic vitality of region is simply to measure how much money is spent attracting jobs. The more resources a community spends in trying to lure "global" jobs, the more unsuccessful it is, and the more desperate it becomes.

All of this primes the question, who is getting these new "local" jobs and how well do they pay? When I was a young lad, many Americans disparaged "local" jobs. They were primarily service sector jobs, as they are today. Back then, one in three Americans worked in factories. Today, it is one in 13, and the share continues to shrink.

The great American employment growth of the past 30 years has been in these 'local' jobs. As it turns out, these new jobs have gone overwhelmingly to college graduates. Nationwide, over the past three decades more than 8 in 10 net new jobs went to folks with a four-year college degree or more. That is over 32 million jobs.

The remaining 8 million jobs went to folks who earned an associate degree or had some college training. Sadly, the data don't distinguish between the two groups. Folks without any college training or have less than a high school diploma comprise fewer jobs than they did in 1992. American companies hire fewer workers without college than

they did 30 years ago. This doesn't mean there are good jobs for people who don't go to college. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters and welders retire every year, which creates continual turnover in these sectors. There just won't be growth in these occupations.

However, the declining demand for workers without a college degree means that there won't be net growth in these sectors. This is not new. Demand for college graduates has been rising for 75 years, while demand for high school graduates has been in decline over the same time. It is safe to say that nearly all the net job growth over the next several decades will be for college graduates.

Of course, some have argued that many of these college graduates are underemployed or holding jobs that don't require a college degree. That's an issue to take seriously. Fortunately, it is a hypothesis that is easy to test, simply by looking at wages. Businesses won't pay more for education they don't need, so if there is widespread underemployment among college graduates, it should be visible in wage data. Increasing or widespread underemployment will mean lower wages for college graduates relative to everyone else.

It turns out that not only is nearly all job growth concentrated among college graduates, that is where most of the wage growth occurs as well. Over the past 30 years, the wage premium for college graduates relative to high school graduates has risen by more than 5.0 percent. In the 21st century alone, 82.4 percent of inflation-adjusted the wage increases that accrued to people with a high school diploma or higher went to college graduates.

What does all this mean about economic development policy for states and cities? I think the first lesson is that places that focus chiefly on attracting business should better prepare themselves for continued disappointment. Second, the future of wage and employment growth belongs to regions with high levels of college graduates. States and cities that wish to grow their economy will have to focus more on educating and keeping these workers.

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LETTERS

Disagreement and lack of consensus are common today

I forget what I requested a few weeks ago, but an excellent local waiter responded, "Absolutely." I was struck by the response and began to notice the use by the other staff and shortly thereafter use by television commentators. The word has now appeared in TV commercials, the sure mark of an accepted verbal fad.

Some years ago, I noticed that words and short phrases spread rapidly on radio and television. I thought of recording them for a short article but did not do so and now forget some of the list. Some of these items passed between the media and popular usage, others did not. "You know" and "I mean" are examples of the former. An example of the latter is "kashay" (caché) – a pronunciation mistakenly borrowed from the French word for a mark of distinction – for "kash" (cache) meaning a storage place for a supply (of armaments), a word introduced during the Gulf War of 1992.

I think the two former phrases were popularized in the order given above. Both are an effort to reach for agreement or consensus and are still in common usage, though not as common as a couple of decades ago.

"You know" is a reassurance that what is being said is already agreed upon by those involved in the conversation (whether it is so or not).

"I mean" precedes a restatement to assemble multiple formulations to assure grounds for agreement.

Disagreement and lack of consensus are common today. There are local arguments about politics and social policy. The media report sharp disagreements on the national stage (Democrats and Republicans, the "Red and the Blue States," the right to bear "arms," abortion). Some people are moved to take an extreme position on a topic rather than look for a compromise. Perhaps "absolutely" gives reassurance that at least on the point, issue, or information proposed the certainty or truth is guaranteed. The waiter guaranteed delivery of the service requested; the TV commentator guarantees "you can count on this statement to be accurate."

We shall see whether this assertion of consensus will spread and last or whether we shall sink further into dissensus. I hope that, rather than pursuing absolute certainty, people will remember the old saw, it's not ignorance that causes the most harm but people knowing so darned much that isn't true.

James W. (Jim) Vice

Wabash

Russia is the immoral enemy

After Putin invaded Ukraine, the U.S. administration timidly succumbed to Putin's threats to widen the war if the U.S. and NATO became directly involved. We abandoned Ukraine to the Russian war crimes machine by not confronting the aggression within Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia and the supply of defensive military equipment to Ukraine will not stop the wanton deaths and destruction. They need combat aircraft, tanks and long-range offensive missile systems.

The murdering of Ukrainian civilians by the Russian military is similar to the German atrocities committed in Europe during World War II, and the ramifications of the U.S. and NATO not going into Ukraine will reverberate in Europe for many years.

Russia could have military forces closer to the borders of NATO countries, and Russia could threaten these countries unless they agree to leave NATO.

The world is faced with a Russian tyrant who is intent on expanding into other countries and willing to achieve his aims through warfare. The free world will be locked in a new Cold War and possible military confrontations with Russia as Putin tries to recreate the Soviet empire.

NATO should be encouraged to increase its military forces, and offensive missile systems should be deployed in NATO countries.

Russia has exhibited inhumanity to man, and it is the immoral enemy of mankind.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, New Hampshire

Husband makes a connection as 17-year marriage teeters

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 17 years with three great kids. My wife and I have struggled on and off during those 17 years. I often feel like maybe I don't love her. We are complete opposites. I'm adventurous, daring and extroverted. She denies me sex a lot. This last time was for four months.



During that time, I met someone who has the same adventurous spirit as I do. We have hung out and we text often. She's currently getting a divorce. I'm falling for her and I have expressed it to her. She likes me, but she doesn't want a relationship right now because she isn't sure what she really wants. She's also afraid we both won't really leave our spouses if we start something.

I stopped texting her, but she said she will wait for me. How do I manage this because I'm hurting in my marriage and hurting by not texting her? – Torn In Ohio

DEAR TORN: Inform your wife that the current status of your marriage is no longer acceptable. Denying marital relations appears to be her way of punishing you, which is unfair, so offer her the option of marriage counseling. If she refuses, I hope you will go alone to help you decide rationally which, if any, next steps you want to take.

If you decide to leave your marriage, there is no guarantee the woman you have been seeing will follow through with her divorce, but let her know what your plans are. I should add that for many people, the first relationship after a divorce does not lead to marriage, if you're contemplating jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

DEAR ABBY: I was a birth mom 45 years ago. My mother forced me to give up my child at birth. Not one person supported my wish to keep my child. My heart and mind screamed, "No, don't do it!" Now, the birth father says he's sorry because he's having serious health problems and thinks he could be dying. I have forgiven everyone involved, over and over. But I've lived with depression, PTSD, etc., all these years and I cry about it still. The older I get, the more loss I feel.

I found my adult child 15 years ago. It started out OK and went downhill from there. My heart aches so much to have a connection with this child of mine. I'm shutting down inside while still waiting. I'm too tired to keep going on. My dreams are gone. My hopes are shattered. I'm ready to curl up and die. What can I do? – Destroyed In Washington

DEAR DESTROYED: I am sorry for your overwhelming pain. What you need to do – and quickly, before you shut down further – is summon the strength to seek help from a licensed mental health professional. Forty-five years ago, attitudes about out-of-wedlock births were far different than they are today. Neither you nor the father of that child were equipped to properly care for the baby. Because you have forgiven everyone else over and over, it is time to find a way to forgive yourself and put a stop to your endless grieving.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

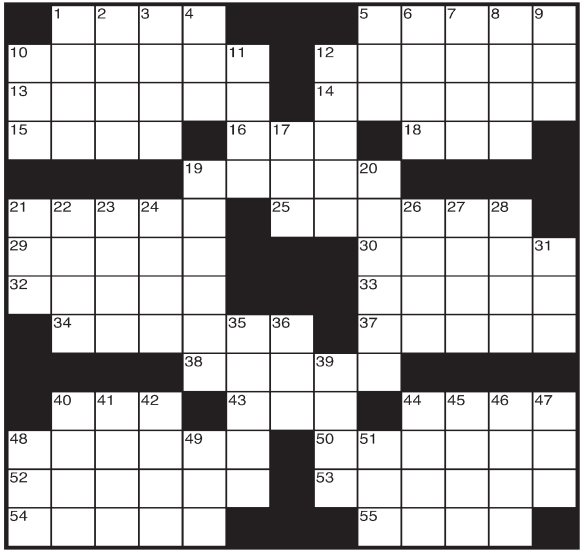
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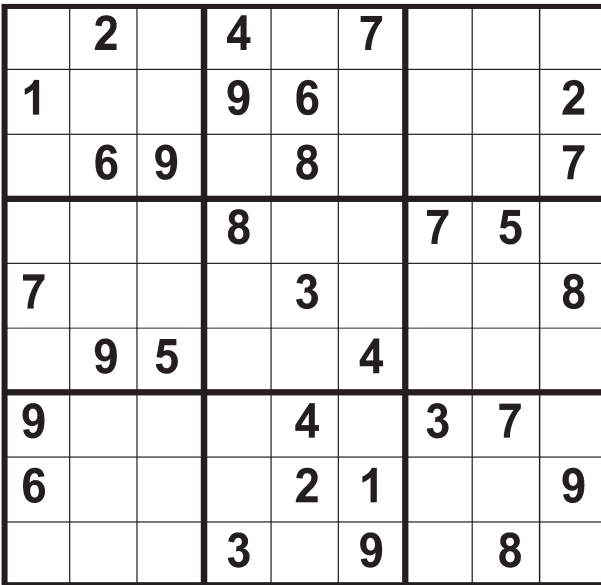
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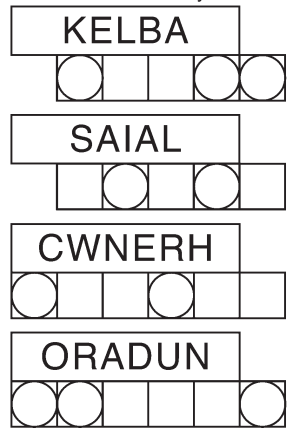
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



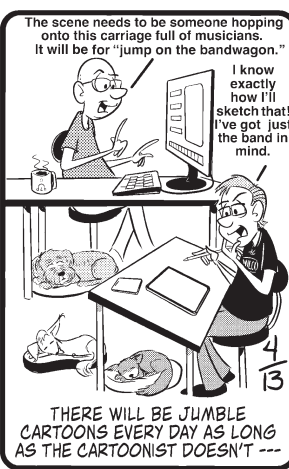
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Saturday's

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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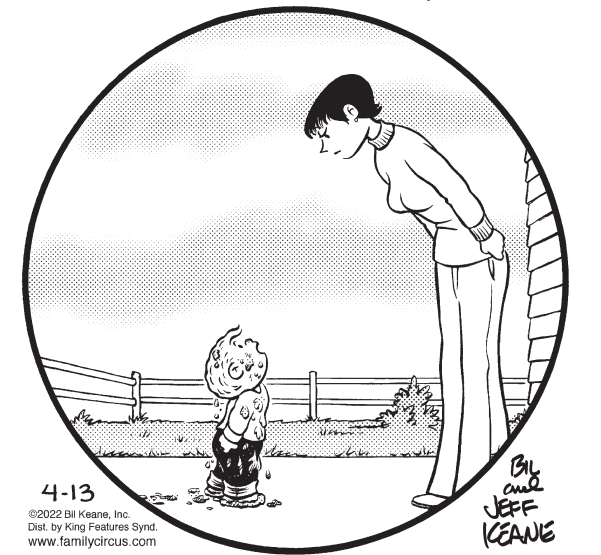


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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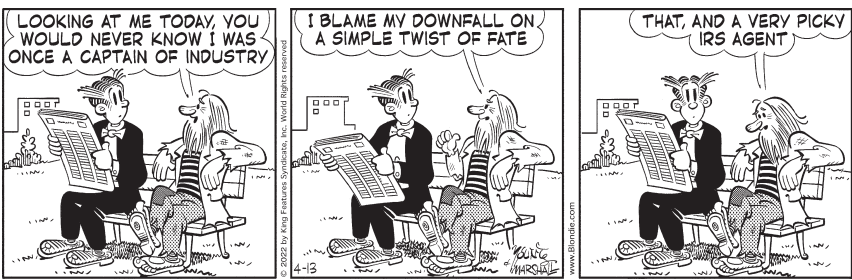
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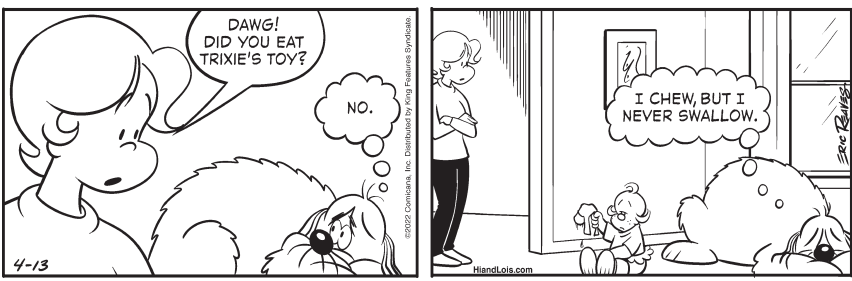
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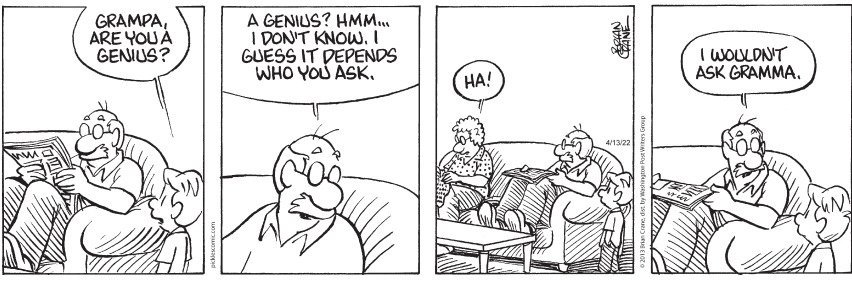
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We must make the Bible part of our daily lives

Q: People seem perplexed that America's historical landmarks are being removed and our young people are learning from their elders how not to respect our foundations. We have already seen the Ten Commandments come under attack, and now many people say that the Old Testament is no longer relevant. Will truth prevail? — H.A.

A: Regardless of the campaigns to do away with the Ten Commandments, they're just as valid today as they were when God gave them. They reflect the moral character of God, and they also provide the foundation of right living with others.

While some say that the Old Testament is no longer relevant, their claim is invalid because but it is God's holy Word, and He has much to teach us through its every

page. Jesus said, "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18). Just what is a tittle? Something as small as a dot.

The Bible reveals just how often Jesus quoted from the Old Testament — He was the Word, and said, "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). The apostles often quoted the Old Testament Scriptures.

Many people get their belief about the Bible from second-hand sources. A smattering of Biblical movie epics, some television programs, hearsay,

and courses on comparative religion give man's view of Scripture. In high school or college classes, students take courses in "the Bible as literature." Many times these classes are used to undermine the faith of young people unless the teacher understands the Bible and has a strong faith in God.

What needs transformation is human nature. We must make the entire Bible part of our daily lives. God blesses those who read and believe His entire Word. His truth is the great all-prevailing truth that will stand for time and eternity.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I had very strict parents. My two brothers were power and freedom. I was powerlessness and seclusion." — Monica Vitti
TODAY'S CLUE: 5 9 12 16 18

The Lamb of God was sacrificed for us

By DAVE SNOWDON

Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:48) He was without sin and He came to take away our sins. “... He appeared, to take away sins, and in Him, there is no sin.” (1 John 3:5, ESV)

On the evening of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is the celebration of Passover (Pesach). This year it is celebrated on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. It is also the same day we celebrate Good Friday. The day we remember that Jesus was crucified on the cross for our sins. “And about the ninth hour (3:00 PM), Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” That is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46, ESV). The ninth hour (3:00 PM), was the same hour the Passover lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple. The Lamb of God was sacrificed for us.

The Feast of First Fruits is a Spring feast celebrated by the Jewish people where they present the first fruits of their harvest in the temple as a gift to God. It occurs on Resurrection Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His resurrection is the first fruits. “But in fact, Christ

has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (died) ... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-23 ESV)

There is yet one more date, but it is not on the calendar, yet. It is the date that we look forward to with anticipation, the Lord’s return. Jesus said, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and I will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:3, ESV) All the above days are so designed to prepare us like a dress rehearsal for His return .“But concerning that day and hour no one knows ... but only the Father.” (Mat. 24:36,ESV) Are you ready? Make certain during this dress rehearsal.

Dave Snowdon and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.

PULSE

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Purse Auction has been planned for Wednesday, April 27 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive, according to Chris Benson.

Registration and purse preview will be at 6 p.m., and the auction will start at 6:30 p.m.

Benson said there will be “over 60 purses filled with surprises.”

For more information, call 260-571-9391.

Friends of the NMPL plan Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) have planned a Spring Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14 through Saturday, April 16 at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-2449.

Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County's top graduates

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will recognize some of Wabash County’s top academic students at the 2022 Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14. Local businesses, colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash

County can do so by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/events calendar, emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year, beginning on Saturday, April 9 in North Manchester. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners on Saturdays, April 16 and 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun – couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email rjschroll@manchester.edu.

Charley Creek Gardens to host Bunny Bash

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will present the annual Bunny Bash festival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16 at the Charley Creek Gardens, 551 N. Miami St. The event will feature free family-friendly activities in celebration of the

Easter holiday. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St. or Wabash High School. For more information, visit www.honeywellarts.org/bunny.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.” April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

CENSUS

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Bureau’s Vintage 2021 estimates of population and components of change released March 24.

“Natural decrease occurs when there are more deaths than births in a population over a given time period,” stated the U.S. Census Bureau. “In 2021, fewer births, an aging population and increased mortality – intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic – contributed to a rise in natural decrease.”

The statistics released include population estimates and components of change for the nation’s 384 metropolitan statistical areas, 543 micropolitan statistical areas and 3,143 counties.

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Kosciusko, LaGrange and Noble counties had positive natural change, or more births than deaths, between 2020 and 2021.

However, Huntington, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties had negative natural change, or more deaths than births, between 2020 and 2021.

Locally, Wabash County recorded 86 births and 139 deaths in 2020, and 310 births and 560 deaths in 2021.

For net domestic migration, more people moving in than moving out from the United States, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties had positive net domestic migration between 2020 and 2021 while Adams, Kosciusko, LaGrange and Noble counties had negative net domestic migration in that window, said Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Research Institute (CRI) director Rachel Blakeman.

“The patterns we’ve observed in domestic migration shifted in 2021,” said the Cen-

sus Bureau’s Population Division assistant division chief for estimates and projections Dr. Christine Hartley. “Even though over time we’ve seen a higher number of counties with natural decrease and net international migration continuing to decline, in the past year, the contribution of domestic migration counteracted these trends so there were actually more counties growing than losing population.”

The problem of population loss has been a hot topic locally, as a draft plan to curb local population loss was finally released last month.

The Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Grow Wabash County (GWC) have released the first publicly available version of the Imagine One 85 (IO85) comprehensive plan, said CFWC director of operations Sam McFadden.

The group has been hard at work on the project for months. This planning process was launched in July 2020 and was anticipated to last 14 months in total. Dozens of community members gathered for the Imagine One 85 Summit on July 14, 2021, in Honeywell Center Plaza, to help provide their input into the proposed plan.

While northeast Indiana’s 11-county region has consis-

tently grown for four decades, Wabash County has not. The 11-county region’s 2020 population total was 797,701 people for Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties, compared to 759,086 in 2010. The three counties that lost population in the past decade were Huntington, Noble and Wabash counties at 462, 79 and 1,912 residents respectively.

After four decades of population decline, there are now around 5,000 fewer residents, a 14 percent decline, one-half of the city of Wabash. To regain the local population and continue to grow as communities, Wabash County will need to add 85 households each year.

In addition to general population loss, Wabash County’s labor force has taken a significant hit over the past few years, down from 15,048 in December 2019 to 14,234 in December 2020.

The stated goal of Imagine One 85 is to come up with a plan that “will ensure our future is not left to chance.”

The 100-page, seven-chapter plan includes 85 action items aimed at growing Wabash County’s population.

The plan’s 85 unique recommendations are organized into

four topic areas that emerged through community engagement sessions and technical analysis.

These areas include:

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Housing and Community: Increasing residential options and diversifying housing stock.

Foundations: Strengthening and modernizing infrastructure and improving community connections, design, and efficiency. First to be addressed are a select number of priority actions aimed at reversing population decline. The plan closes with an implementation agenda that keeps the plan moving forward and avoids the common problem of comprehensive plans – good plans that get shelved.

Funded in part by a GIFT

VII leadership grant to the Community Foundation from Lilly Endowment, the efforts included an in-depth study of County economics and demographics. Announced in June 2019, the comprehensive work had has engaged multiple firms in the technical analysis. They included: the Community Research Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Transform Consulting Group, Becker Consulting, Make No

Small Plans, planning NEXT, Ninigret Partners LLC, Burges & Niple, Policy Analytics and One Lucky Guitar.

To read the entire draft plan, visit cfwabash.org, growwabashcounty.com or imagineone85.org. Hard copies of the plan may also be requested by calling 260-563-5258 or 260-982-4824.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaineditor.com.

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DES. #: 1801915
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The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility by addressing the adverse effects of the current at-grade crossings. By constructing a bridge to carry the motorists and pedestrians over the railroad, safety is greatly improved by reducing the potential for train, vehicle and pedestrian collisions while simultaneously providing unobstructed north-south access, reducing delays in emergency response times.

The project study area includes Wabash Street to the west, the Wabash River to the east, Elm Street to the north and E. Main Street to the south. Six "build" alternatives and one "no build" alternative were analyzed. The engineers report updated in June 2020 determined that constructing the overpass at East Street best met the purpose of the project. The City and INDOT have proposed closing the railroad intersections at Spring, Huntington and Thorne streets once construction is complete. Special consideration was given to minimize impacts to cultural and historic resources.

There will be temporary and permanent right-of-way that will be acquired for this project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023 or 2024.

Additional project information is available at www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject. Those who wish to submit questions in advance can do so on the webpage and/or via the City's social media accounts:
Facebook @WabashIndiana85 and Instagram @wabashindiana.

The public open house will follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance for health and safety protocols. Project team members may wear face masks and/or coverings and attendees are encouraged to do so. Face masks, hand sanitizer and access to hand washing facilities will be provided. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to, including monitoring the number of attendees participating to comply with local regulations.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and with advance notice, INDOT can provide accommodation for persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services such as sign language interpretation, large print materials and/or other related services. If you are an individual with a disability or represent an ADA stakeholder group and require accommodation related to participating at the public open house, you are encouraged to contact Erin Pipkin at erin@compassoutreachsolutions.com or (317) 966-7301. HSPAXLP.04/13,04/20/2022

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE WABASH SUPERIOR COURT

COUNTY OF WABASH CAUSE NUMBER: 85D01-2111-MF-000798

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JON D. FLETCHER

UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
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North Manchester, IN 46962

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:
Jon D. Fletcher

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NOTICE OF HEARING
BEFORE THE WABASH AND WHITLEY COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF THE GEORGE COOK ET AL DRAIN (#523C), LOCATED IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY; AND CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP, WHITLEY COUNTY, INDIANA
To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that on the 25TH day of April, 2022, a HEARING will be held at 10:30 A.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Wabash County Courthouse, 1 West Hill St, Wabash, Indiana, before the Joint Drainage Board on the proposed One Year Higher Maintenance Assessments, for the above said drain. A second Hearing will be held immediately following the 10:30 A.M. hearing to consider the proposed Annual Maintenance Assessment for said drain. The Surveyor's Report and the Schedule of Assessments have been filed and are available for public inspection in the Office of the Wabash County Surveyor. Not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing, any owner of land affected may file with the Board a written objection to the Report and or Schedule of Assessments. Wabash and Whitley County Joint Drainage Board
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Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Wabash County Auditor, 1 W Hill Street, Suite 103, Wabash, IN 46992 prior to 9:00 a.m., May 9, 2022. Bids received after the 9:00 a.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(a) "Highway or Bridge Over Water" or Item E(m) "Cleaning and Painting Bridges" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for either of these items on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held at the Commissioners Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 9:30 a.m. local time, May 9, 2022.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents. Plans, Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from Eastern Engineering per the options and prices listed on the Order page. These sets may include full-size drawings. All payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable. Plans and specifications may be acquired at the following website or by contacting Eastern Engineering directly on or after April 4, 2022: <https://distribution.easternengineering.com> or Eastern Engineering
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Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly attached. The proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Wabash County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Wabash County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Wabash County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals.

The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.
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Northfield's Abigail Hunter reacts to striking out a batter in the first inning of the Norsemen's 3-1 win over Clay City in the Class A state championship softball game in Greenwood. RIGHT: Northfield's Kyra Kennedy leads off first base in the first inning of the Norsemen's 3-1 win over Clay City in the Class A state softball championship.

Northfield softball showing no signs of slowing down

The Norse home opener is slated for Friday, April 15 against Eastbrook High School

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

With their regular season on the horizon, Northfield's varsity softball team is ready to take a group of experienced talent and combine it with newly appointed head coach Kyle France.

After a little over a month to get acclimated with his new team, France remains surprised by how seamless the transition has been for a team that graduated six seniors last year and looks to have a roster shakeup this season.

"Their lack of rust, I expected a lot more rust with these girls coming out of previous seasons," France said. "There hasn't been much rust at all with the infielders, lot of people in new positions. ... Girls are having to fill in at new positions and they act like they've been there their whole career of softball."

Coming off of a state championship, Northfield will potentially suit up to six current seniors that were a part of last season's dominating Norse squad with Addy Rosen returning as the leading bat-



Northfield's softball team hoists the champion's trophy after defeating Clay City in the Class A softball state title game in Greenwood.

ter from the previous year's lineup.

For the Norse, it starts with their pitching and the need to find new players on the mound that will replace last season's productivity.

"I got Layne Fields, Ava Copeland and Emma Warnock, a freshman coming up. All these girls

have been working their butts off. They're throwing well and I'm hoping that we can get those girls on the mound," France said.

"What I expect them to do is hit locations and if we can hit locations, we can play defense behind it. I feel real confident about our

defense."

As for their offense, France is looking for his seniors to provide a boost for the team.

"I'm going to rely on my seniors heavily, I expect them to lead the way," France said. "They all have great bats. ... Last year, we were a

very power-hitting team. This year, some of that is going to fall off. We've got girls that can bunt well and we got girls that can base hit, get on bases and get them in scoring position and score runs with smart ball."

Operating as Northfield's junior varsity head coach last season and assistant on the state championship team, France presses that this year's current roster isn't going to be one that will be predicated on what they do in light of last year's success.

"I think we're starting at square one, I don't know that the girls coming in want to come up through a shadow of that."

While adding that his current seniors haven't missed a beat in terms of leadership and bringing this year's underclassmen along for what Northfield hopes is yet another successful season.

"They have stepped right into that same role. What I noticed last year, was those girls, they were leaders, true team leaders. The group that made that run last year, they've filled that same role. I think they learned a lot from them and know you have to have a team to win a game."

Northfield's home opener is slated for Friday, April 15 against Eastbrook High School.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

Southwood baseball, Coach Swinson ready to reel in wins

Their schedule is due to get underway at home on Friday, April 15 against Mississinewa

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

After a sectional championship in 2021, Southwood's varsity baseball team is prepping for a season in which they hope to have similar success with a new roster and new varsity head coach Steve Swinson.

Swinson, who has coaching stops at Eastern and Northwestern where he operated as an assistant for the 2005 state runner-up team, will take over a roster equipped with youthful talent.

Joey Bland and Jarrett Craft are the Knights' lone seniors while their roster is also made up of seven sophomores and three freshmen.

With the idea in mind that his roster is made up of newcomers in the varsity spotlight, Swinson will look to many of them to step up in roles that were vacated by

last year's seniors.

"It's a good group of guys," Swinson said. "They work hard. It's a young group, we're loaded with a lot of sophomores. ... We'll expect our sophomores to step up in roles that need to be filled by graduation last year."

Amid their youth is returning offensive leader Morgan Lloyd who comes back with a .480 batting average along with leading the team last season with 51 runs batted in (RBI), 47 hits and 13 home runs.

Fellow junior, Cole Winer also returns after a sophomore season in which he averaged .315 in the batter's box along with 23 hits and 15 RBIs.

From the pitcher's mound, Southwood will rely on the arms of their two seniors in Bland and Craft while Morgan Lloyd will also see time as well while also working as the Knights' catcher.

Operating also as Manchester University's head wrestling coach, Swinson plans on combining years of coaching experience with Southwood's winning reputation.

"All in all, they're there to play baseball and kind of

get down to the nitty-gritty of it. It's kind of black and white, it's yes, no, right, wrong. ... Southwood's got a reputation of having hard-nosed athletic kids and it's just refining their techniques and tools within the game of baseball," Swinson said.

"We got a lot of competitive guys that are used to winning in other sports so they're dialed in to try and win this year also."

With their schedule due to get underway at home on Friday, April 15 against Mississinewa, Swinson plans on the Knights hitting their full stride come tournament times while stacking up as many wins as they can along the way.

"We always want to be in the mix for conference," Swinson said. "You want to be playing your best baseball at the end of the season. You don't want to be peaking too early but you want to be very competitive. I think win or lose, our guys will compete every game, every inning and try to strive to be better each time we take the field."

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

Pacers start long offseason looking to overhaul roster

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard sent a clear message at the trade deadline.

It's time for a shakeup.

After posting a second straight losing record at home, missing the playoffs for the first time in seven years and recording their fewest wins in a season since 1984-85, the Pacers are embarking on their biggest offseason overhaul in years.

A three-trade flurry in February culminated in sending two-time All-Star Domantas Sabonis to Sacramento and Caris LeVert, widely considered one of Pritchard's cornerstone pieces, to the Cavaliers.

"This franchise, right now, is in one of the most exciting positions it could possibly be with the potential for a top-five pick and the potential to possibly have Cleveland's (first-round pick)," coach Rick Carlisle said, noting Indiana also holds Houston's early second-round pick. "We're going to get it right in the



Seth Wenig / AP

Indiana Pacers' Tyrese Haliburton, top center, looks to pass during the second half of a game on Sunday.

draft, and we're going to have a great summer, and next year's going to be an exciting year."

Things certainly can't get much worse than they did this past season.

Injuries again derailed the Pacers' postseason plans as Carlisle won just 25 games in the first year of his second tenure with the team. Lengthy absences of guards Malcolm Brogdon and T.J. McConnell, forward T.J. Warren and center Myles Turner — all projected to be key rotational players — prompted Pritchard to pull

the plug and start dealing.

The new plan is to build around point guard Tyrese Haliburton. Indiana views the 22-year-old as a budding star, capable of ending its long quest to find a playmaking ball-handler.

Haliburton's new teammates embraced the move.

"I'm especially excited about playing with Tyrese, just the way he came in here and made an impact on our organization, on our fans and on the guys around him," Turner said Monday.

Indiana District 10 highlights Wabash Little League coaches

Artie Wischman and Chad Bakehorn are the coaches for the Giants in the American League

STAFF REPORT

Recently, the Indiana District 10 Little League Baseball featured two Wabash Little League coaches in their Coaches of the Week honors, according to Nicole Gable McClure.

“Indiana District 10 staff has started what we like to call Coaches of the week. We will be randomly selecting a team from one of the 13 parks we have in District 10,” stated a press release. This is to showcase all of our parks and the hard work all of our coaches do for the children we have playing. So to start this off we have selected Wabash Little League to be our first park. ... From all of us at District 10 we would like to thank these two men for all the hard work.”

Artie Wischman is one of the coaches for the Giants in the American League. “I started coaching little league when my son was 5 years old. I continued coaching him until the age of 12, my son moved to junior league where I just wanted to watch him play. I continued coaching and

coached my daughter for four years. Now I’m still coaching as my kids have moved up with age,” said Wischman. “This year is my 14th year coaching: One year of tee-ball, four years of coaches pitch and nine years American League.”

Wischman said his favorite coaching memory was a “tight game” against the White Sox which would take them to the championship game.

“We were down by one run and was our turn to bat, when the ball was blasted out to the fence bringing the tying run in. The batter was so excited he was screaming across the field, ‘That was for you coach.’ He stole the next pitch for the winning run sending us to the championship game,” said Wischman.

Chad Bakehorn is one of the other coaches for the Giants in the American League.

“I played little league as a kid. Once I had girls of my own, I wanted them to experience the fun of little league,” said Bakehorn. “I like to hunt, fish and hang with friends.”

Bakehorn said he had been coaching for around 10 years.

“I have been involved with the American League for seven years and have previously helped coach T-ball and coaches pitch,” said Bakehorn.



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PACERS

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“He makes everybody better.”

What else did the Pacers learn from mixing, matching and experimenting with lineups over the final 26 games?

Buddy Hield, who came over from Sacramento with Haliburton, and Jalen Smith, who arrived in a trade with Phoenix, also were solid players. Rookie center Isaiah Jackson provides a different kind of post presence and rookie guard Chris Duarte became one of Indiana’s most consistent players until an injured toe sidelined him.

Forward Oshae Brissett continued to develop, and Carlisle may have unearthed a couple more hidden gems with midseason pickups Duane Washington Jr. and Terry Taylor.

This summer could be equally busy as Pritchard tries to put the Pacers back in playoff position.

“I think first we’ve got to get healthy, that’s obvious and then it’ll be up to the front office what pieces they add, what pieces they trade,” Brogdon said. “When you make a move like we did, a monumental move in the middle of the season, I think there are other moves that follow and I think we’ll be seeing that this summer.”

What’s next

Brogdon and Turner would be the most at-

tractive trade candidates. Both are proven veterans, capable of helping a playoff team become a title contender and both are on expiring contracts. Brogdon counts \$22.6 million against the salary cap while Turner, a two-time blocked shots champ, would be an \$18 million cap hit. The Pacers could be looking to add more draft picks, free up cap space for free agency or add veterans.

Watching the Cavs

The Pacers thought they’d definitely have two first-rounders when they got the Cavs’ lottery-protected pick two months ago. But a late-season swoon has jeopardized that possibility. Cleveland finished eighth in the Eastern Conference and now needs to win one game to make the playoffs. Two losses would mean they’ll keep the pick, preventing the Pacers from having three of the top 35 picks in June.

Not finished yet

Fan favorite Lance Stephenson provided a second-half spark on and off the court for Indiana. While it seems unlikely Indiana would keep the soon-to-be 32-year-old on a young team building for the future, Stephenson isn’t ready to end his career.

“I’m just trying to keep my body strong and sharp,” he said. “I’m just mad that the season is over because I feel great right now, I feel like I can keep going.”

VOLLEYBALL



Hadley Schoenborn (left) and Jillian Schoenborn shared their story of being an organ transplant recipient during the fifth-annual EmilieStrong Memorial Volleyball Tournament on Sunday at Taylor University. Hadley, now a healthy 15-year old, required a liver transplant when she was nine. The mother-daughter duo from Fairburn, Georgia, told their story to the 60 teams and hundreds of girls and spectators in Upland over the weekend.

EmilieStrong Memorial tourney celebrates life and lasting legacy

Harnish was a member of Southwood’s Class 2A state runner-up volleyball team in 2014

By SCOTT HUNT
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UPLAND — The thud of a well stuck shot. The screech of shoes across a wood floor. The enthusiastic cheers after a well-played point or a match won.

All those sounds of volleyball were present in abundance Saturday and Sunday as 60 teams descended upon Taylor University to compete in the EmilieStrong Memorial Tournament organized by the Grant County Volleyball Club (GCVC).

In most respects, the fifth-annual EmilieStrong Tournament was similar to any of hundreds of other volleyball events that take place through the year. Such tournaments allow numerous clubs and teams filled with girls as young as 11 years old to as old as 18 a chance to play, hone their skills and learn how to compete against their peers, sometimes against future or current high school teammates.

But the EmilieStrong Memorial is so much more.

“She’s amazing. She is a true hero,” said GCVC founder, coach and tournament director, Lori Elson, before taking a long pause.

Elson tried to speak about Emilie Harnish, the tournament’s namesake and one of the first girls to be a part of her club, but was overcome by emotions.

Harnish was a member of Southwood’s Class 2A state runner-up volleyball team in 2014, but less than a year later, she was gone. Emilie died in October 2015 five days after being critically injured in an automobile crash.

So EmilieStrong is a celebration of a young life lost way too soon, but most importantly, the tournament represents Emilie’s legacy that’s been carried on through her selfless act of being an organ donor.

“Volleyball is the fun part of it. I had one of our players sign up today and I took her picture. That’s what it’s all about,” Elson said, still struggling to speak. “If we can get the word out about the importance of how many lives you can save and do what Emilie did, that’s what this whole tournament and this weekend is about.”

Along with the teams, coaches and hundreds of players and countless volunteers who take part in the celebration of Emilie Harnish’s life and legacy, Donate Life Indiana set up tables between Odle Arena and the Kesler Student Activity Center.

The display had numerous pictures of Emilie along with her story. The Donate Life Indiana table also had literature on the potential impact of becoming an organ donor.

“The first thing I tell them is it’s completely your decision whether you sign up or not to be an organ donor,” said Andi Atherine, education specialist for Donate Life Indiana, who made the trip to Upland from Indianapolis. “We call them organ-donor heroes because truly, just like Emilie, they are heroes.

“The primary goal is education. We feel like so many people do not understand organ donation.” Atherine continued. “The power of the number 83. One person that signs up to be an organ-donation hero could potentially save and heal up to 83 lives. That’s through eight organs and up to 75 different ways tissue can be used. I think the power is in education and understanding that after death, our legacy can live on. We can continue to save and heal so many lives.”

More than 100,000 Americans are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Over 1,000 of those waiting are Hoosiers, according to donate.lifeindiana.org. Anyone can register to be an organ donor. For people under 18-years old, parental consent is required.

More than 90 people took information from the Donate Life Indiana table over the weekend and five volleyball players registered to be organ donors.

The GCVC also hosted a pair of special guests for the weekend, Lillian and Hadley Schoenborn from Fairburn, Georgia, who have experienced the miracle of organ donation.

Not long after Hadley was born, she developed a rare liver disease known as Biliary Atresia. By the time she was nine, she required a liver transplant to survive.

Both Jillian and Hadley stood up in front of the girls and teams in each of the four EmilieStrong sessions and relayed their story of organ donation from a different point of view.

“I remember feeling very excited because I had the chance to live a normal childhood,” recalled Hadley,



Ava Walters, a senior at Eastbrook, wears an EmilieStrong T-shirt as she warms up for her match with the Grant County Volleyball Club Sunday in Odle Arena.

who is now 15, about learning she had a donor. She explained that her liver came from a 22-month old girl named Aubrey. Hadley affectionately named her new liver, Sunrise.

“Aubrey saved my life. If it wasn’t for her I wouldn’t be here today. I’m forever thankful to her family for donating her organ to me,” Hadley told the group of 17- and 18-year-olds. “You have the power to save somebody just by being an organ donor. Aubrey saved more lives than just mine. ... I’m forever thankful to her. She lives on through all those people and she lives on through me.”

Jillian shared the mixed emotions of being Hadley’s mom and fully understanding what it meant for her daughter to have the opportunity to live a normal, healthy life following her transplant.

“Getting that call, it was the best day for us as a family, but it was the worst day for another family,” Jillian shared. “That was definitely taken to heart when we got the phone call. She was nine. We definitely celebrated that day and now we celebrate the life. Every year we celebrate Sunrise’s life and what that day meant.

“We have met a lot of people. It has been good for our hearts to see the other side of organ donation,” she added. “Some moms that have lost their children have come up and told us it’s good hearing this side of the story. It was

good to see them for us and be able to thank them for sharing their children with us. Emotionally that’s been good for me.”

Emilie Harnish registered to be an organ donor when she first got her driver’s license in high school. Her decision then her heart, her liver and her kidneys helped save a 3-year-old boy in Virginia, a 12-year-old girl in Indiana, an 18-year-old boy in Iowa and a 49-year-old woman in Indiana.

Emilie’s tissues were also harvested and donated to help improve and save countless other lives.

Elson estimates Emilie’s story has now reached thousands of people of all ages and it could very well be saving many more lives.

As for the 2022 Emilie Strong Memorial Volleyball Tournament, a \$1,500 donation will be made to Donate Life Indiana from the tournament’s proceeds in Emilie’s name. And her name and legacy of selflessness carries on.

“I can’t think of a better way to honor her,” said Mollie Harnish, Emilie’s sister, who came to Upland both days. “I know there’s millions of things you could do for a memorial but this is, I can’t think of anything she would want more. Everyone is able to relate this way. This is the best way to relate to Emilie.”

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RECOVERY

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They help us recover when in their care. These people aren't just mentioned because of what they have done for Tyler. They are heroes every day, to everyone, and we should never stop the outpouring of gratitude and support that has been displayed by the community over the last three months.”

The Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 is investigating a shooting involving officers from the Bradley Police Department in Bradley, Illinois, according to the Illinois State Police. At around 12:20 a.m. Dec. 30, the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 was requested to investigate the shooting of two Bradley Police Department police officers. Preliminary reports indicate that BPD officers responded to a hotel in the 1500 block of North State Highway 50 for a noise complaint. While investigating the incident, BPD officers initiated a conversation with subjects inside of the hotel, according to the Illinois State Police. During the interaction, Sgt. Marlene R. Rittmanic, 49, and Bailey were fired upon. Rittmanic and Bailey sustained serious injuries after being struck by gunfire and were transported to area hospitals for treatment. Rittmanic later succumbed to her injuries. In the immediate aftermath, Bailey was listed in critical condition at the hospital. ISP Zone 3 Agents obtained Kankakee County arrest warrants for Darius D. Sullivan, 26, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Xandria A. Harris, 26, of Bradley, Illinois, concerning this incident. Rittmanic was laid to rest Jan. 7.

Tyler J. Bailey's family said his wife, Sydney, was able “to care for and be present with Tyler every single day since the incident, without intrusion”

“As a young woman, newly married, Sydney was thrust into a situation that would have been incredibly difficult even for those with much more experience in

life. Sydney has shown not only is she able to adapt quickly under the most extreme pressure, but also that she has a level of patience and maturity rarely seen in most people, regardless of age. We are all very proud of Sydney,” stated the family. “A major factor allowing Sydney to stay by Tyler's side the entire time has been the incredible fundraising efforts from our community, and also from donors nationwide. Words cannot fully express the gratitude we have for everyone involved, from those who set up the fundraisers, to the thousands who have donated. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

Tyler J. Bailey's family said he was released from critical care in late January and was moved to a rehabilitation facility soon after. They said he had “been working incredibly hard in his rehabilitation ever since.”

“In the early days of his hospitalization, we were told that if Tyler lived, he would likely never recover from a vegetative state. Then he woke up. We were told he would likely never talk again, but he communicates daily. We were told Tyler's injury was catastrophic and would lead to no chance of independent living, but Tyler is conscious and does not depend upon any medical devices to keep him alive. He is fully aware of his surroundings, he understands what he has been through, and how much hard work is ahead of him. He has regular conversations with the family, medical personnel, physical therapy staff, and is able to fully cooperate in his recovery process,” stated the family. “As with most individuals recovering from a severe head injury or long-term hospitalization, Tyler has a lot of work to do in order to build up strength and coordination in his body after all he has been through. He will continue in the physical therapy program while he gains his strength back. Just a few days ago, in a very difficult conversation, Tyler was informed for the first time that Marlene had passed away. Need-

less to say, it hit him very hard. A little while later, after the emotions subsided a bit, Tyler vowed to work even harder at his recovery in memory of Marlene. His determination level has kicked into another gear as he works to get back to us here. Back to a normal life where he can again be the one helping others, after all that have helped him.”

Kankakee County, Illinois State's Attorney Jim Rowe submitted an official request to the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois and the U.S. Attorney General to review the first-degree murder cases pending against Darius D. Sullivan and Harris for federal murder charges and to pursue a federal sentence of death against both defendants. Additionally, the State's Attorney's Office has also filed state charges against Sullivan and Harris for the first-degree murder of a police officer and attempted first-degree murder of a police officer, among other charges. The state charges will proceed in the Kankakee County Courthouse and Rowe will seek life sentences for both offenders. On Dec. 31, Harris, accompanied by her attorney, turned herself in at the Bradley Police Department and was taken into custody by the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 Investigators, according to the Illinois State Police. Harris will remain in custody and will be held at the Jerome D. Combs Adult Detention Facility in Kankakee, Illinois. Harris faces three counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder. The state's petition to deny bail to the defendant was granted by the court on Jan. 3, and Harris remains in the custody of the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department without bond.

Darius D. Sullivan was arrested early Dec. 31 at a residence in North Manchester. He is charged with six counts of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder and one charge of aggravated battery with a firearm. Darius Sullivan remains in the custody

of Indiana law enforcement, where, on Monday, Jan. 3, he refused to waive extradition to Illinois.

Rowe said there is recent precedent for the United States pursuing the death penalty for the murder of a law enforcement officer, citing the case U.S. v. Stephen Wiggins, Middle District of Tennessee in 2018; and precedent for pursuing a federal sentence of death in non-death penalty states, citing the case U.S. v. Brent Christensen, Central District of Illinois in 2018.

Rowe said during the investigation were Darius Sullivan's mother, Nichele Newton-Caroll, and his brother, Jalmen Sullivan, were also arrested. Allegations against these individuals include obstruction of justice for making false statements to law enforcement and harboring a fugitive to aid in his escape, respectively. Newton-Caroll is alleged to have made false statements to law enforcement during an interview that occurred in Demotte, which ultimately places the jurisdiction for those charges in the hands of the Newton County, prosecutor's office. Rowe said he has been in contact with the Newton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and has requested that they file all applicable charges and prosecute Newton-Caroll “to the fullest extent of the law.” Rowe said Jalmen Sullivan allegedly transported his brother, Darius Sullivan, from Kankakee County, Illinois to Wabash “to aid Darius in escaping justice.”

On Jan. 14, Illinois State Police Southern Region Public Information Office Trooper Josh Korando referred all future questions about the potential prosecution of Jalmen Sullivan to Wabash County authorities. Thus far, Wabash County Prosecutor William C. Hartley, Jr. has said he could not publicly discuss his office's pending decision as to whether or not to charge Jalmen Sullivan locally, and neither Jalmen nor Darius Sullivan had yet been charged in Wabash County. Rowe did not respond to a Plain Dealer request for further comment on this case

as of press time.

During a press conference on the afternoon of Dec. 31 at the North Manchester Police Department, Indiana State Police Lowell District public information officer Sgt. Glen Fifield was joined by Sgt. Travis Heishman with Fulton County Sheriff's Department, Fulton County Sheriff Chris Sailors and Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker.

Fifield said at around 3:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one-way road in Rochester. As a result of that traffic stop that was initiated, a pursuit took place which ended off Mitchell Drive at the seawall. They fled on foot but were shortly apprehended, police said in a probable cause affidavit. Two individuals – Bryce J. Baker, 20, and Joshua J. Adams, 26, both from Kankakee, Illinois – were taken into custody without incident. Those two individuals were charged with possession of stolen property, resisting law enforcement and possession of a handgun with no license. Police said they found a bag of marijuana and a handgun in a towel that Baker told them he pitched into the lake. The two are charged with carrying a handgun without a license, theft of a firearm, possession of marijuana and resisting law enforcement. Adams' resisting charge is a felony because he was the alleged driver and used a vehicle to resist.

On Jan. 4, Baker and Adams appeared before Fulton Circuit Court Judge Christopher Lee for their initial hearings. Lee set both men's bonds at \$75,000 surety, approved public defense attorneys for the suspects and set future court dates. Bailey's pretrial conferences were held Feb. 14 and March 14 in Fulton County Circuit Court, and Adams' were held Feb. 14 and March 28. Another pretrial conference for Baker been scheduled for April 25 and a jury trial has been scheduled for June 7, while Adams' next pretri-

al conference has been set for May 2 and his jury trial has also been scheduled for June 7.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Dec. 31, officers with the U.S. Marshall's Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force requested the assistance of the Indiana State Police SWAT to serve a search warrant on a residence located in the 1000 block of North Bond Street in North Manchester. During the execution of that warrant, two individuals were taken into custody. One of the individuals, Darius D. Sullivan, had active warrants for first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. These charges stemmed from the murder of Rittmanic and the injuries to Tyler J. Bailey.

Assisting at the scene were the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Warsaw Police Department, North Manchester Police Department, Akron Police Department, North Manchester Fire Department, Manchester University Security, Lutheran EMS and the Wabash Fire Department.

Fifield said Manchester University was locked down during the search warrant.

Rowe said the investigation into this matter continues “to ensure that all who aided or abetted these individuals are caught and brought to justice.”

“The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all individuals are presumed innocent until and unless they are found guilty in a court of law,” said Rowe.

Rowe said anyone with information related to the ongoing investigation and prosecution of the above offenders is asked to call the Illinois State Police Hotline at 815-698-2315.

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information is released.

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